

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on March 14, 2005  
at 10:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jon Tester (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 209, 3/10/2005; HB 157,  
3/10/2005; HB 161, 3/10/2005  
Executive Action: HB 161, HB 209, HB 157

00:00:00

**HEARING ON HB 209**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. JOE MCKENNEY (R), HD 18**, opened the hearing on **HB 209**, Compliance with federal electronic funds transfer law as state compliance.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:23           **Mr. Keith Colbo, Montana Independent Bankers**  
00:04:17           **Mr. Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association**  
00:06:01           **Ms. Annie Goodwin, Commissioner of Banking and**  
                      **Financial Institutions**  
00:06:38           **Ms. Jill Jarman, Montana Credit Union Network**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:07:10

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:02

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:21

**HEARING ON HB 157**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. JOE MCKENNEY (R), HD 18**, opened the hearing on **HB 157**, Index non-forfeiture rate for insurance.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:46           **Ms. Karen Powell, Deputy Securities Commissioner,**  
                      **State Auditor's Office**

**EXHIBIT (bus56a01)**

00:15:13           **Mr. Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans,**  
                      **also on behalf of Jacqueline Lenmark, American**  
                      **Council of Life Insurers, and Mr. Greg Van**  
                      **Horssen, State Farm**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:17:58

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**Ms. Margaret Miksch, Actuary, State Auditor's Office**

00:22:41

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**SEN. LAIBLE** will carry HB 157 on the Senate Floor.

00:25:12

**HEARING ON HB 161**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37,** opened the hearing on **HB 161,**  
Revise certain workers' compensation laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:30

**Mr. Jerry Keck, Administrator, Employment  
Relations Division, Department of Labor and  
Industry**

00:30:16

**Mr. Shawn Bubb, Montana Schools Group Insurance  
Authority**

00:30:37

**Mr. Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance  
Authority, also representing George Wood, Montana  
Self Insurer's Association**

00:31:02

**Ms. Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:31:30

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:05

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:37:57

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 161

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALLYEAT moved that HB 161 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:38:29

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 209

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALLYEAT moved that HB 209 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:39:09

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 157

Motion/Vote: SEN. GRIMES moved that HB 157 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:43:33

DISCUSSION ON INTERIM STUDY ON PROFESSIONAL BOARDS

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:50 A.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([bus56aad0.PDF](#))**